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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SCHOLASTIC BOWL WINNERS ANNOUNCED

CHARLESTON -- Winners of Eastern Illinois University's Honors Programs' 14th annual Scholastic Bowl Tournament Feb. 6 were Edwards County High School, first; Robinson, second; Flora, third; Oblong, fourth; Hutsonville, fifth; Charleston, sixth; and Clinton, consolation.

Twenty-four central Illinois high school scholastic bowl teams competed in round-robin play with the top 12 teams advancing to the five final rounds.

The matches were head-to-head competitions between two, five-member teams. Questions covered general topics as well as mathematics, sciences, social sciences, literature and language arts.

"Not only must the students have depth of knowledge to gain points, they must also answer quickly and accurately," said Erin Tepen, scholastic bowl coordinator. "This year's tournament ran very smoothly. It was exciting to see the two teams vying

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for first place play each other in the last round."

In addition to team awards, Most Valuable Player awards were given to the individual players with the highest average of correctly answered toss-up questions in the first three rounds.

Craig Williamson of Robinson High School received first place MVP followed by Nitin Kumar of Flora, Jeremiah Smith of Clinton and John Wright of Findlay, who all tied for second place MVP. Third place MVP went to Jon Piersall of Hutsonville.

Eastern's Honors Programs' Scholastic Bowl is completely organized and staffed by Honors Programs' students, Tepen said. Eastern Illinois University saw a need to provide additional opportunities for talented students to enrich and broaden their academic experience. As a result of this need, the Honors Programs were created in 1982.